

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. CA- – 02

Introduced by

A RESOLUTION concerning

ALDERMANIC COMMUNICATIONS WITH CITY EMPLOYEES

FOR the purpose of amending the Charter of the City of Annapolis to restrict aldermanic communications on City service delivery issues, to the mayor and city administrator.

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BY adding a new section to
Article IV. City Council
to be designated as Sec. 11 Aldermanic Communications
Charter of the City of Annapolis

SECTION I: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the
Charter of the City of Annapolis shall read as follows:

ARTICLE IV. CITY COUNCIL

Sec. 11 Aldermanic Communications

(a) Except for the purpose of inquiry, the city council and each alderman shall communicate with the city department directors solely through the office of the mayor, and neither the city council nor any alderman shall give any order either publicly or privately to the city administrator, any department director, or any subordinate of the mayor.

(b) Any alderman violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of misconduct and deemed to have violated the rules of conduct governing the members of the city council. An alderman who violates this provision may be expelled from the council.

(c) An employee may not be disciplined for refusing to communicate with the city council or any alderman when the city council or an alderman may be acting in a manner prohibited by this section.

SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the date of adoption of this Resolution is _____, and the amendment of the Charter of the City of Annapolis, hereby enacted shall become effective on _____, unless a proper petition for referendum hereon shall be filed as permitted by law, provided a complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be continuously posted on the bulletin board in the City Hall until _____, and provided further that a copy of

the title of this Resolution shall be published in "The Capital," a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Annapolis, or in any other newspaper of such general circulation, once in each of the weeks on _____, _____, _____, and _____.

SECTION III: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the Mayor is hereby specifically commanded to carry out the provisions of Section II hereof, and, as evidence of such compliance, the Mayor shall cause to be maintained appropriate certificates of publication of the newspaper or newspapers in which the title of the Resolution shall have been published and if a favorable referendum is held on the Charter change, shall declare the Charter change hereby enacted to be effective on _____, by affixing his signature hereto in the space provided on the effective date of change.

SECTION IV: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted shall become effective, either as provided herein or following a referendum, the Mayor shall send to the Department of Legislative Reference of Maryland a copy of this Resolution showing the number of Aldermen voting for and against it and a report on the votes cast for or against the amendment hereby enacted at any referendum thereon and the date of such referendum.

The above Charter Amendment was enacted by the foregoing Resolution which was passed at a _____ meeting of the Annapolis City Council on _____, _____ Aldermen voting in the affirmative, _____ Aldermen voting in the negative, _____ Aldermen abstaining and _____ Aldermen absent and the said Resolution becomes effective in accordance with law on the _____ day of _____.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, _____.

ATTEST:

THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL

BY: _____

Deborah Heinbuch, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

Ellen Moyer, MAYOR

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

EXPLANATION:

Redlining indicates matter added to existing law.
~~Strike Out indicates matter deleted from existing law.~~
Underlining and redlining indicate amendments.